

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT TO ROHM AND HAAS CHEMICALS LLC AND TO APPROVE CORRECTIVE ACTION REMEDIES

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) proposes to reissue a hazardous waste management permit to Rohm and Haas Chemicals LLC (R&H). R&H (EPA ID Number: TND058660390) is located in Knox County at 730 Dale Avenue in Knoxville, TN 37921. **TDEC invites the public to submit comments on this proposal during a 45-day comment period, ending on August 10, 2018.**

The current permit (TNHW-132) was issued on September 28, 2007 and was effective for ten years. R&H submitted its permit renewal to DSWM six months before the expiration date (on March 27, 2017), thus enabling the facility to continue to operate under the current permit until a final decision is made on their application. A public notice announcing receipt of the application was published in the May 31, 2017 edition of the Knoxville News Sentinel. R&H held a pre-application public meeting on March 23, 2017, as announced February 3, 2017 in the News Sentinel. No members from the community attended this meeting, and no comments were received.

If the renewal permit is approved, R&H will be allowed to continue to store hazardous waste in containers in one storage area with a maximum storage capacity of 9,900 gallons and in one tank with a maximum storage capacity of 7,900 gallons. The proposed permit also requires R&H to notify of imminent hazards and, when applicable, comply with the requirements developed under land disposal restrictions and organic air emission standards.

This draft permit also includes the corrective action conditions for the solid waste management units (SWMUs) and areas of concern (AOCs). R&H will be required to investigate any release of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents at the facility, regardless of the time at which waste was placed in a unit, and to take appropriate corrective action for any such release. A Fact Sheet has been prepared that provides additional information about the site and the proposed permit.

The Fact Sheet lists the current permit status for AOC Groundwater (GW) as requiring interim measures. The interim measures have been successful in reducing groundwater contamination at the site and are proposed as the final remedy. A Statement of Basis designed to facilitate public participation in the remedy selection process is included with the Fact Sheet. This summarizes the nature and extent of the contamination, the potential risks to human health and the environment, and the remedy identified during the corrective action process. The permit proposes a final remedy that requires R&H to conduct insitu-groundwater remediation at the site.

DSWM proposes to renew this permit under the authority of the Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Act of 1977, as amended, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-212-101 et seq., and Rule Chapter 0400-12-01, Hazardous Waste Management. In accordance with Rule 0400-12-01-.07(7)(e), this notice provides a 45-day comment period beginning on the date of this publication, as well as an opportunity to request a public hearing. If issued, the permit will be valid for up to 10 years.

DSWM invites the public to review and submit comments on the draft permit anytime during the 45-day comment period ending on August 10, 2018. Electronic copies of the renewal application, draft permit, fact sheet, and Statement of Basis are available to review online at <https://go.usa.gov/x5bzz> on the Solid Waste Management Dataviewer and at the DSWM Central Office, TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0780). These materials are also available at the Lawson McGhee Library, 500 W.

Church Ave., Knoxville, TN 37902 (865-215-8750) and the TDEC Knoxville Environmental Field Office, 3711 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921 (865-594-6035).

To comment on the proposed permit or request a public hearing, contact Ms. Rita A. Swett in the Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Section of DSWM's Central Office at the TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0828), email [rita.swett@tn.gov](mailto:rita.swett@tn.gov) or fax 615-532-0938. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. CDT, August 10, 2018, to assure consideration. A hearing requires a significant degree of public interest. The request must be made in writing, including the contact information of the requestor, and state the nature of the issues to be raised at the hearing.

After considering all comments, DSWM will make a final decision to either issue or deny the permit. Notice will be given to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final decision. At the time a final permit decision is issued, a Response to Comments addressing all significant comments received on the draft permit will be made available to the public. The final permit decision shall become effective upon signing by the Director of DSWM.

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